

WCSX-HD2

PUBLIC AFFAIRS QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1- March 31, 2016

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Section I – Community Issues

WCSX-HD2 is continually engaged in dialogue with community leaders and our audience to determine issues that affect our broadcast area. As a broadcast station, we are committed to addressing these issues in our issue responsive programming. Below is a list of the top issues of concern to the community that were addressed through public service programming during the quarter ending March 31, 2016

- 1. Economy**
- 2. Terrorism / War**
- 3. Gender / Racial Issues**
- 4. Crime**
- 5. Government policy**
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- 9. Arts & Culture**
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Section II – Public Affairs Program Listing

WCSX-HD2 aired the following public affairs program each Sunday between January 1 and March 31, 2016.

“The Peter Werbe Show”

Sundays, 6:00am – 7:00am

Written, produced, and hosted by WCSX-HD2 Public Affairs Director, Peter Werbe, the show features guests and community leaders discussing key issues affecting Metro Detroit with content mirroring issues of concern to our listening audience.

Section III – Public Affairs Programming and News Summary

Below is a summary illustrating how WCSX-HD2 addressed key community issues throughout the three month period ending March 31, 2016.

1. Economy

January 31, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Richard D. Wolff, author, *Capitalism's Crisis Deepens: Essays on the Global Economic Meltdown 2010- 2014*, discussed the meaning of Sen. Bernie Sanders' socialism. 25 min.

March 13, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Victor Tan Chen, author, *Cut Loose: Jobless and Hopeless in an Unfair Economy*, described the human toll that de-industrialization has taken on cities like Detroit. 25 min.

March 27, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Richard Swift, author, *S.O.S.: Alternatives to Capitalism*, said the current system has played itself out and needs to be replaced with institutions which guarantee economic stability and ecological sanity. 25 min.

2. War and Terrorism

January 31, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Dahlia Wasfi, an Iraqi-American activist, discussed the ongoing war in the Middle East on the occasion marking the 25 years the U.S. has been bombing Iraq. 25 min.

February 21, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Joe Lauria, a foreign affairs journalist based at the UN, called from Erbil, Iraq to comment on the deteriorating situation in Aleppo, Syria, and the dangers to the U.S. of a confrontation with Russia. 25 min.

February 28, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Jeffrey Kaye, a clinical psychologist and human rights journalist, commented on President Obama's plan for closing the U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo. 25 min

3. Gender/Racial Issues

January 3, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

James W. Loewen, co-editor, *The Confederate and Neo-Confederate Reader: The "Great Truth" about the "Lost Cause,"* discussed the meaning of the Confederate flag and what it symbolizes in contemporary politics in light of the Charleston Massacre. 25 min.

January 17, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Hilary Klein, author, *Compañeras: Zapatista Women's Stories*, described her experiences living in Chiapas, Mexico, the changes that have occurred in the lives of the women. 25 min.

January 24, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Gerald Horne, author, *Confronting Black Jacobins: The United States, The Haitian Revolution, and the Origins of the Dominican Republic*, described the 1791 slave revolt in Haiti which created the first completely free republic and the impact it had on the American institution of slavery. 25 min.

4. Crime/Courts/Justice

January 3, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Kathy Kelly, Co-coordinator, Voices for Creative Non-Violence, described her three months in federal prison for trespassing at an Air Force base. 25 min.

January 10, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Jennifer Loewenstein, faculty associate in Middle East Studies at Penn State University, discussed the implications of Saudi Arabia's execution of a Shiite cleric, and how it relates to moves to abolish the death penalty in the U.S. 25 min.

February 7, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Spencer Sunshine, an associate fellow at Political Research Associates, described the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge by radical right-wing paramilitaries outside of Burns, Oregon. 25 min

5. Government Policy

January 17, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Roberto Gonzales, author, *Lives in Limbo: Undocumented and Coming of Age in America*, traced the impact on 150 Hispanic immigrants who arrived in the U.S. as children who have reached adulthood and now face an uncertain future. 25 min

February 7, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Kevin Zeese, founder, Popular Resistance, described the negative effects the Trans-Pacific Partnership will have on the economy, environment, wages, and U.S. sovereignty. 25 min.

February 21, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Mark Klein, a whistleblower on AT&T's cooperation with the NSA, supported Apple's refusal to comply with a court order to provide a program to break a cell phone encryption. 25 min.

March 6, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Andrew Cornell, author, *Unruly Equality: U.S. Anarchism in the Twentieth Century*, discussed anarchist participation in the great social movements of the 20th Century. 25 min.

March 13, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Eve Spangler, author, *Understanding Israel/Palestine: Race, Nation, and Human Rights in Conflict*, said both Israelis and Palestinians remain trapped within the Occupation. 25 min.

6. Detroit

January 24, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Steve Babson, from Detroit Eviction Defense, updated the work his organization is doing to confront the home mortgage foreclosure crisis in Detroit. 25 min.

March 20, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Charles Simmons, Professor Emeritus of Journalism and Media Law, Eastern Michigan University, discussed the work of Hush House, a Detroit project creating leadership in a poor community. 25 min.

7. Current Affairs

March 20, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Juline Jordan interviewed Peter Werbe about his recent trip to Cuba. 25 min.

March 27, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Micah White, co-creator of the 2011 Occupy Wall Street movement, and author, *The End of Protest*, said both conventional electoral politics and confrontational street demonstrations by themselves are ineffective tactics for bringing about social change, and advocates forms such as the newly emerging political parties in Europe which utilize both. 25 min.

8. Environment

January 10, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Andy Kerr, author, *Oregon Desert Guide: 70 Hikes*, commented on the takeover of an Oregon federal wildlife refuge by armed militiamen and the impact of their demands on ecology of the area. 25 min.

9. Arts & Culture

February 14, 6:00 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Bill Morgan, author, *The Beats Abroad: A Global Guide to the Beat Generation*, discussed the influence on Beat authors that travel had on their writing. 25 min.

February 14, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

M.L. Leibler, Detroit poet, and author of *I Want to Be Once*, discussed the unique voice of Michigan writers and described the dangers that accompanied his poetry reading in Afghanistan. 25 min.

February 28, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

Tim English, author, *Sounds Like Teen Spirit: Stolen Melodies, Ripped-Off-Riffs, and the Secret History of Rock and Roll*, described the many songs that were taken from earlier melodies and the law suits that resulted. 25 min

10. Presidential Election

March 6, 6:30 am

The Peter Werbe Show

David S. Reynolds, professor of English and American History, described the U.S. election of 1860, won by Abraham Lincoln, whose divisiveness was worse than the current one. 25 min.